in their respective departments from the dates on which they assumed charge of their offices till the 1st Edavam 1100?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Government do not propose to call for such a statement as the time and labour involved in preparing it would be out of all proportion to its utility.

Work of the Agricultural Department.

81. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state what new profitable crops and cheap agricultural implements have been popularised among the ryots of the country by the Department of Agriculture?

(*b*) Will they be pleased to state the total expenditure on the department from its very inception to the 1st Mithunam, 1100?

(*c*) Is the benefit derived by the country in the matter of agriculture proportionate to the expenditure incurred till now?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): (*a*) Banku paddy, Red Mauritius sugar-cane, exotic crops like cotton, cholam, ground-nut, Guinea grass, are among the more important of the new varieties of crops introduced by the Department of Agriculture. Improved methods of cultivating these varieties are demonstrated to popularise them among the ryots. As regards agricultural implements, the department has introduced light iron ploughs, such as Climax and Meston. The department is also manufacturing locally and popularising cheap iron ploughs costing Rs. 2 to 3 each.

(*b*) The total expenditure on the department, including Agriculture proper, Veterinary and Fisheries, from 1083, the date of the organisation of the department, to the 1st Mithunam 1100, is reported to be Rs. 18,23,218.

(*c*) The work of the department, which is essentially of an educative nature, cannot always be reduced to money value. The large awakening among the agriculturists in the improvement of their methods, which is now seen throughout the State, is attributable to the work of the department carried on on certain well-established lines consisting chiefly of research, experiments, demonstrations and propaganda. A list of the more important improvements effected by the department is available for the member's perusal at the office of the Secretary to the Legislative Council. Government feel that the country is receiving appreciable returns for the money spent on the department.

Agricultural Department and the Wembley Exhibition.

82. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha cum Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state what articles manufactured under the supervision or advice of the Agricultural Department were exhibited at the Empire Exhibition recently held in London, other than those cultivated by the ryots of this country and manufactured in the School of Arts or any private institutions from very early days?

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